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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT AND BORDER AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE A BORDER SECURITY
LIAISON TO WORK WITH BORDER COUNTIES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AND FORM PART OF A BORDER SECURITY RAPID RESPONSE TEAM.

WHEREAS, New Mexico shares a one-hundred-eighty mile
border with Mexico, and that border is rural and remote; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico occupies such a strategic east-to-west
position with an extensive interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was recently declared for
the counties that border Mexico due to serious duress caused by
the lack of security at New Mexico's international border; and

WHEREAS, there is an unprecedented wave of violence along
the United States and Mexican border that has claimed more than

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1 fifteen thousand lives since 2006; and

2 WHEREAS, the state cannot condone violence at its
3 international border or allow certain parts of its border to be
4 safe havens for criminals; and

5 WHEREAS, coordination among county governments, the state
6 and federal agencies can effectively improve response times to
7 incidents at the international border; and

8 WHEREAS, the formation of a border security rapid response
9 team could reduce violence and assist in the systematic
10 evaluation of the effectiveness of new strategies for
11 international border security; and

12 WHEREAS, border security liaisons can bring an
13 international border security perspective to the review of all
14 strategic planning reviews;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of public safety,
17 department of transportation, homeland security and emergency
18 management department and border authority be requested to
19 designate a border security liaison to work with the federal
20 government and counties sharing a border with Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of public
22 safety, department of transportation, homeland security and
23 emergency management department and border authority be
24 requested to provide an international border security
25 perspective at all strategic planning reviews; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public safety, secretary of transportation, secretary of homeland security and emergency management, executive director of the border authority and the governor.